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SUBJECT: INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 122939, (B) STATE 122478 (DTG 270009Z  
MAY 77), (C) USNATO 4237 (DTG 271740Z MAY 77), (D) USNATO  
4238 (DTG 271758Z MAY 77), (E) USNATO 4239 (DTG 271813Z  
MAY 77)

1. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED (REF C) THAT AT THE  
DPC MEETING JUNE 3 TO DISCUSS LUNS' PO/77/86 (REF D) ON  
THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, WE TAKE THE HIGH ROAD,  
AND, EXCEPT FOR A FEW SUGGESTIONS (REF E), URGE SUPPORT  
OF LUNS' P.O., HOPEFULLY DEFLECTING DISCUSSION ON DETAILS  
TO SUBSEQUENT EWG MEETINGS. THE P.O. WOULD ASSIGN  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM IN C3 TO SACEUR.  
FYI: SACEUR ALSO INFORMALLY INDICATED HE WANTED TO TAKE  
IT ON. END FYI. CONSEQUENTLY, AS BETWEEN THE TWO  
DIFFERING APPROACHES OUTLINED IN REFS A AND B, WE  
WOULD FAVOR THE LATTER. FURTHER, WE BELIEVE, AS WE  
STATED IN REF C, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO ASSIGN RESPONSIB-  
ILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM DIRECTION TO A SINGLE  
INDIVIDUAL (TASK FORCE DIRECTOR/PROGRAM MANAGER).  
AMONG THE MNCS, SACEUR HAS THE LARGEST ROLE IN C3  
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IMPROVEMENTS; HENCE HE IS THE LOGICAL CHOICE, AS  
PO/77/86 RECOGNIZES. IN ADDITION, IN GENERAL, WE  
THINK IT ADVISABLE NOT TO OPEN UP THE P.O. TO DETAILED  
COMMENT BY PERMREPS AT THE JUNE 3 DPC, PARTICULARLY THAT  
SECTION DEALING WITH PRIORITY AREAS, LEST SOME TRY TO  
CUST THE LIST BACK OR DISTORT IT IN VARIOUS WAYS.  
THEREFORE, WE CONTINUE TO PROPOSE THAT WE SUPPORT THE

THRUST OF PO/77/86, PRAISING ITS PROMISE OF SPEEDY ACTION AND THE FLEXIBILITY IT CONTAINS TO ACCOMMODATE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONAL APPROACHES TO PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.

2. AS CONCERNS THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE AND PREFERABLE TO SEPARATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SPECIFIC TASK FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE C3 LONG-TERM PROGRAM. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT SURE THAT OUR ALLIES WOULD ACCEPT THE EXACT APPROACH OUTLINED IN REF A. BY SEPTEL, WE WILL PROVIDE OUR VIEWS AND COMMENT ON THAT APPROACH, TOGETHER WITH OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SURFACING THE US PACKAGE PROPOSAL OUTLINED ON PAGES 6-7 OF TAB E OF THE KOMER REPORT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: BY OOB JUNE 3, GUIDANCE FOR THE DPC PERMREPS' MEETING, AS REQUESTED IN REF E. BENNETT

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